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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Juneau Area Office
P. O. Box 3-8000
Juneau, Alaska 99802

April 22, 1977

Memorandum

To: Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Attention: Tribal Government Services

From: Area Director, Juneau Area

Subject: Golovin IRA

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cc: Superintendent, Nome Agency

Honorable Mr. Cecil Andrus
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Andrus

As an emerging Eskimo Village, we are constantly looking for new ways to enhance our progress in directing our own course and making our own decisions in this rapidly changing world.

We have decided that by forming an I.R.A. Council, we could best take advantage of Self-Determination and other similar legislation.

Therefore, we are writing this letter to you to officially request the Secretary to authorize the calling of an election on May 27, 1977 on the adopting of I.R.A. By-Laws and Constitution by the people of Golovin.

Very truly yours,

Ralph Willoya

Ralph Willoya, Mayor

City of Golovin

4/8/77
John Hope
Your action
Please note
to be

April 4, 1977
Mayor Ralph Willoya
City of Golovin
Golovin, AK

Gary Longley
Nome Agency, BIA
P.O. Box 1108
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Mr. Longley:

As you know, the people of Golovin are in the process of forming an I.R.A. within the village. We have enclosed a copy of our constitution and a letter requesting permission to hold an election as Mr. John Hope suggested we do. It is our understanding that you will forward these with your comments to Mr. Hope in Juneau. We would like to have our election in late spring, on May 27, 1977. Please notify us if there are any problems or additional required information. Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

Ralph Willoya

Ralph Willoya, Mayor

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CONSTITUTION

of the

~~Village~~ Golvin ~~IRA Council~~

PREAMBLE

We, a group of Eskimos residing principally in the Village of Golovin, in the State of Alaska, having a common bond of association and interests, in order to promote our security and social welfare, and advance and protect our common interests as the descendants of the aboriginal Eskimos within the Seward Peninsula, do establish this constitution by authority of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984) as amended by the Act of May 1, 1936, (49 Stat. 1250).

ARTICLE I - NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the Golovin ~~IRA Council~~.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The base membership roll of the Village of Golovin shall consist of all persons whose names appear on a list of individuals of Eskimo blood associated with the Eskimos of the Village of Golovin prepared pursuant to the direction of the Secretary of the Interior. Any eligible person whose name does not appear on this list, may make application for enrollment to the governing body of the Golovin ~~IRA Council~~. Application for enrollment of minors shall be made by the parent or legal guardian. A denial of enrollment may at any time be appealed by an interested person to the Commisioner of Indian Affairs, whose decision shall be final.

Section 2. All descendants of base enrollees shall be eligible for membership and shall be enrolled upon application and must be at least one-quarter (1/4) Eskimo blood.

Section 3. No person shall be enrolled as a member of this tribe who maintains membership in or affiliates with any other native group organized pursuant to Acts of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) and May 1, 1936, (49 Stat. 1250).

Section 4. The governing body shall maintain the membership roll current at all times. It shall have authority to enact ordinances governing the adoption and removal of members; Provided, however, that any person whose name is removed from The membership roll shall have the right to appeal to the Commisioner of Indian Affairs, whose decision shall be final.

Section 5. All members of the tribe eighteen (18) years of age or over shall have the right to vote in tribal meetings and elections. Move

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of the Golovin ~~IRA Council~~ shall be a general council, ~~which shall be~~ composed of all adult members of the Village of Golovin, known as The Golovin IRA General Council.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an executive committee composed of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, and three other members, which shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be delegated to it by ordinances duly enacted by the general council. All members of the executive committee shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and until their successors are duly installed. The executive committee officers shall also act as officers of the general council. The executive committee shall determine its own procedures.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

All elections of executive committee members shall be conducted under rules and regulations prescribed by the general council. Adult members, eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall qualify as voters, and, if elected, may hold office; provided, no person convicted of a felony may qualify for office until pardoned or for at least five (5) years from completion of sentence.

ARTICLE VI - POWERS

The general council or by delegated authority the executive committee shall have such applicable powers as the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250) provide, and such further powers as may in the future be delegated by the Secretary of the Interior or by duly authorized officials of the Federal Government. The exercise of all powers shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative where required by Federal law or the published regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION

This constitution shall be in effect when it is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representatives; provided, at least thirty (30) per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote.

APPROVAL

I, _____ Secretary of the Interior by virtue of the authority granted to me under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and the Alaska Act of May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250), as amended, do hereby approve the attached Constitution of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe.

Secretary of the Interior

ARTICLE VI- AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the general council and shall become effective if approved by the Secretary of the Interior and ratified by the qualified voters of the tribe in the same manner as was this constitution.